**PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 4th April, 2022, in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**

**The meeting was chaired by Nick Bray and attended by 18 Peaslakers**

**Present:** Julie Barham, Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Ken Bulley, Andy Clayton, Jim Collin, Nigel Downer, Adrienne Golightly, Christine Harrison, Zoe Horton, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Marion Jones, Gerry Reffo, Deb Stevens, Martyn Warrell, Janette Weller, Mark Weller, Nick Wells

**Apologies:** Nick Boisseau, Cyndie Gould, Jeff Jones, Kevin Stevens, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Rhys Thomas.

Nick Bray opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking those present to introduce themselves.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Marion Taylor-Cotter was unable to attend and, as no expenses had been incurred since last month, the balance in the account remained at £706.36.

Insurance for future village events was discussed. Thanks to Tony Robinson and Keir Shilte for helping obtain quotes; a decision will be made shortly to ensure cover in place for Jubilee events.

**Village Events:**

**The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

1) Christine Harrison gave details of what is planned for Sunday 5th June with a church service in the morning and the Jubilee Tea in the afternoon. Volunteers will be required prior to and on the day, which includes the hanging of bunting around the village and traffic management; also preparations for the tea itself. There will be music and a competition for the children.

2) Matt Morris from the Hurtwood Inn is organising a Garden Party for Friday 3rd June (similar to the one last September) with tickets available to residents. He would be sending flyers out to advertise this event and offered to include other Jubilee events going on.

**Peaslake Fair**

The beneficiaries of this year’s Fair were confirmed as the Village Hall, Peaslake School and Friends of the Hurtwood.

A Fair Committee has been set up and the first meeting held in March with another planned for 11th April. Arrangements are going well but a big concern is the need for volunteers, particularly on the day of the Fair.

Parking is being organised by Zoe Horton on behalf of the Friends of the Hurtwood. Cyclists will be given notice of the event and details of alternative parking. The Recreation Ground committee were asked but said cyclists would not be able to use the recreation ground for parking.

**“Evening for Ukraine”**

Peaslake Players are organising this fundraising event which will be held on Friday 29th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All proceeds will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). The evening will be informal and free, with opportunities for donations to be made. The Hall will be decorated in blue and yellow, the colours of Ukraine. There will be a licensed bar, and tea and coffee to buy. A wide selection of entertainment is planned.

**Peaslake Open Gardens.**

This event is organised by Peaslake School and this year is on 12th June and centred around the school. Donations of potted plants are particularly welcome for the plant stall.

**Reports from Local Organisations**

**Peaslake Lunch & Visitors Group:** It was hoped the lunches could be resumed in September. Lunches aren’t normally held in the summer but, as in previous years, an outing in May and a garden tea party in July/August are being planned.

**Peaslake Village Hall:** Electrical tests and updates have recently been carried out at the Hall, and three new wall heaters have been installed in the toilets. Unfortunately some hall users have been forgetting to turn the water boilers off in the kitchen which not only wastes electricity but makes for a humid atmosphere and ultimately damp issues. A reminder too for users not to leave their milk in the fridge.

**Peaslake School:** All going well and school numbers healthy. Various fund-raising events are being organised for the summer.

**Shere Parish Council (SPC)** Gerry Reffo reported on the following:

**Peaslake Farm Housing Development**: SPC held a site meeting with Green Oak Housing Association and Ewhurst Road residents, most specifically to discuss traffic management. A number of concerns were raised, and Green Oak are producing a summary of these issues. Once finalised, this will be circulated and put on the new Community Council website. It’s planned for the work to start in October, working mainly Monday to Friday, and it to take 43 weeks.

**Peaslake Farm Fields**: Leigh Thornton, Business and Biodiversity Manager of Surrey Wildlife Trust, was the guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting on 7th April. His talk was very informative; he answered many questions, and was particularly keen to hear residents’ views especially with regard to past history of the fields.

**Maintenance Updates**:

Radnor Road run-offs have been cleared.

Peaslake Playground: The play tower is to be repaired, and a new log play area is to be incorporated into the playground, with the area of the playground extended.

Peaslake Defibrillator/Hurtwood Inn to be moved to the wall adjacent to the main entrance of the pub in April.

Removal of Silt Traps in Village Hall and Hurtwood Inn car parks. SPC to remind GBC, again.

Surface Water Drainage System in Walking Bottom. Clarification is needed as to whose responsibility this is. SCC are investigating but say it will take some time. SPC will check again at the end of April.

Village Signs removed from Walking Bottom have now reappeared. SCC have been asked to install them.

Vehicle Advisory Speed Signal (VAS): SPC to remind SCC Road Safety Officer he agreed, when funds are available in April, to erect a new pole in a better position. Currently it’s stopped working.

Fallen Tree Branches on the road, and particularly in passing places. SPC to check that SCC intend to remove them.

**B4SH Update:**

Nick Wells reported very good progress with funding commitments, without which the project could not proceed. B4SH expects to start mole ploughing towards the end of April from Hound House Road, through Hugh Miller’s field into Walking Bottom, then Peaslake Farm and Ewhurst Road. After that it will be Pond Lane and moving north. The distribution cabinet will be at Peaslake Farm and provide enough capacity for the whole village. The B4SH team are holding an information meeting on Tuesday 12th April in Peaslake Memorial Hall when interested residents can receive more detailed information and ask any questions.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 9th May 2022, at 8.00pm**

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